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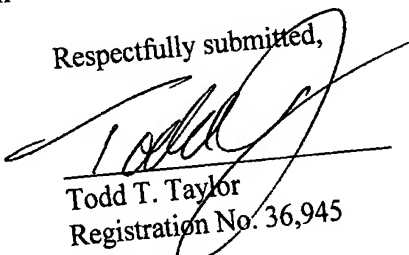
TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR FIBER STOCK PREPARATION

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Specification (11 Sheets)
Claims (4 Sheets)
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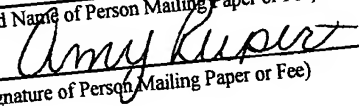
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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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in Germany is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).☐ The certified copy is enclosed.10. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.11. ☐ Also enclosed:

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